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changes in BIA's 3th revision of Federal Requirement 1076-AF18

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Secretary Jewell:

It is our opinion regarding on the Bureau 's 3rd revision of the Federal Acknowledgment Requirements (1076-AF 18) is wrong. Tribes including our tribe had to endure poor management of the process since entered it in 1977. According to the regulations in 1976, it was only suppose take two years. Our tribe waiting from the conception of rules until 2001 for an decision and that positive decision was taken away later in 2001, due lack of compassion to follow their own rules created by the government. We believe the treaty is a treaty signed with the Federal Government and should be honored. The Government and BIA should not be in the business of recognizing tribes when treaties are not being honored 100%. No native tribe needs to prove who are and tribes were lead down a path of unequal justice, misinformed and trying to prove regulations that meant to prove nothing.

The government approached Indian tribes to secure lands so that foreign settlers could take the indigenous lands held by natives, before anyone discovered what is now called America or United States. All acknowledgment requirements are wrong so get out of the business of creating more problems for Indian tribes. Just recognize all tribes now in this country would be the positive and just way to honor tribes who have given so much and suffered and struggled far too much the last 500 years. This process has created division and greed, ie tribal casino in different areas in this country. NO 3rd revision on Federal recognition as the other two are not working for anyone today. Our tribe believes the treaty is a treaty and should be b honored now.

Sincerely, Duwamish Tribe, indigenous people who signed the Point Elliott Treaty in 1855, ratified the Government in 1859 and have suffered the injustice of this treaty not being honored.